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Acting Administrator John Jamian

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“FROM THE ACTING ADMINISTRATOR”

Supporting America’s merchant marine is more than mere words to some shippers. As part of its National Maritime Day celebration, on May 19th, the Maritime Administration and others in the maritime industry recognized shippers around the country for their part in ensuring the American flag has a presence in international waters.

In the well-attended noonday luncheon ceremony John Jamian, Maritime Administration’s Acting Administrator presented Merchant Marine plaques of appreciation to four recipients and voiced his appreciation for their commitment to the U.S. merchant fleet.

In his remarks, he noted, “These honorees, by transporting their international cargo on U.S.-flag ships, not only support America’s economic and defense security but also help to promote America’s export and import services. America’s presence on the international sea lanes is vital today as we stand ready to support our Armed Forces. “In making remarks, Jamian noted, “Our U.S.-flag merchant marine could not exist without shipper patronage. And that’s why it is fitting that we come together to recognize distinguished members of the shipping community on Maritime Day. The honorees are doing their part to ensure that the American flag has a presence on the international trade lanes.” To view full remarks, visit MARAD’s web site <http://www.marad.dot.gov/Headlines/speeches/2005/Propeller%20Club.htm>.

This year's recipients included:

Carrier Corporation of Farmington, CT, is a global operation, and are active users of U.S.-flag service in the Mediterranean Region and the Middle East. On an annual basis, the company ships over 2,000 TEUs of container traffic on U.S. carrier, which moves primarily from the East Coast to the Med. Nelson Baltazar (right) accepted the award.



Lowe's Companies of Mooresville, NC, has taken an active role in the industry and is a leader. The company has been a leader with C-TPAT, and helps carriers with their infrastructure. Lowe's is a key global shipper and makes an effort to support the U.S. merchant marine. Robert Long (right) accepted the award.



Perini Corporation of Framingham, MA, is one of the leading construction companies in the world, with an operating history of more than 100 years. The company supports the U.S. merchant marine by

providing services on Project business destined for the Army Corps of Engineers in Afghanistan and Kuwait. John Blanchette accepted the award.



Yowell International of Melbourne, FL, is well known as a proponent of utilizing U.S.-flag vessels and is a supporter partner to the industry. They provide freight forwarding and international shipping services, in addition to specializing in the movement of over-dimensional cargo for its clients. Bill Cantillon (right) accepted the award.



MERCHANT MARINE REMEMBERED

From the White House to individual maritime port cities around America, accolades were voiced over and over again through speeches, proclamations and other events of the contributions made by America's U.S. merchant marine.

Honoring these valiant individuals has been in place for over 70 years. In 1933, Congress designated May 22 of each year as National Maritime Day, in commemoration of the sailing from Savannah, Georgia, on May 22, 1819, of the SAVANNAH, the first steam-propelled vessel to cross the Atlantic, and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for its appropriate observance.

As then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt noted in the first Proclamation, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself..." Therefore, these valiant men and women have been overcoming various obstacles since the founding of our nation in order that the American flag would be seen on the international sea lanes. In the first Proclamation Roosevelt noted the reason for observing this day throughout America. To view the first Proclamation, visit the web at <http://www.usmm.org/md/maritdayfdr.html#anchor1322814>.

That same tradition has been upheld by successive Presidents since that time. President George Bush, in his Proclamation noted, "Merchant mariners have also served in every conflict in our Nation's history. The U.S. Merchant Marine helps provide our Nation's Armed Forces with crucial supplies and equipment. These brave men and women demonstrate courage, love of country, and devotion to duty, and we especially honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Nation. The United States is safer and the world is more peaceful because of the work of our merchant mariners, and we are grateful for their service. To view this year's Proclamation, visit the web at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2005/05/20050519-5.html>.

HONOR THE MEMORY OF OUR TROOPS – PAST AND PRESENT

Memorial Day will be observed on May 30. At 3:00 p.m. (EST), for one minute) Americans are requested to observe the National Moment of Remembrance as a time to honor the sacrifices made by America's heroes that died in service to our Nation. Paying tribute to our heroes for one minute is not a great price to pay for the freedom we enjoy on a daily basis.

Americans everywhere should realize the great sacrifices these individuals made in order that freedom would be a way of life for all Americans.

Of note: As you reflect on this upcoming day, you are encouraged to send photos or emails about the merchant marine to the Remembrance Committee. To learn more, visit the web at [HTTP://WWW.REMEMBER.GOV](http://www.remember.gov).

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The company's growth and success from its founding as a small civil works contractor in 1894 are due primarily to the company's dedication to satisfying the needs of its clients. The staff carefully analyzes each job condition and problem, planning the most cost effective and timely solutions. Perini has pioneered the development of new technologies, systems and equipment to improve the efficiency of the construction process.

The company is noted for providing a wide spectrum of specialized construction services for clients in both domestic and international locations. These include office buildings, hospital, correctional facilities and military base construction; structural, mechanical and electrical renovations and repairs and installation of technical and security system upgrades at multiple U.S. Embassy locations; emergency construction in support of military missions, humanitarian aid, and natural disaster relief efforts; construction of liquid gas propane and oil tank facilities, nuclear facilities maintenance and repairs, power plant construction, and bond defaulted contract completion services.

Perini also supports America's oceangoing merchant fleet. The company was honored at this year's National Maritime Day celebrations for their support of America's merchant marine in voluntarily transporting a significant portion of their international cargo on U.S.-flag vessels.

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- **U.S.-Flag Service (Destinations from U.S. to Foreign Countries)**, click on <http://www.marad.dot.gov/usflag/>
- **Humanitarian Food Aid Report**, click on <http://www.marad.dot.gov/offices/CAPOS%20Reports/>
- **Public Resolution - 17 Waivers**, click on <http://www.marad.dot.gov/offices/pr17waiver.html>.

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TO OUR READERS —

We extend a special thanks to everyone who has taken time to read the newsletter. Additionally, we invite you to submit articles/stories for inclusion in upcoming issues.

As a final point, we welcome suggestions on how to better improve our newsletter. All information may be emailed directly to Sharon.Jenkins@marad.dot.gov; or by fax (202) 366-5522; telephone: 202/366-5064.